## TED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231



Sir:

For:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the (X) utility, () design, () plant patent application of:

Inventor(s): Ralf Reimelt

Kaiserstuhlstrasse 20a

D-79106 Freiburg,

Herbert Schroth Kapellenstrasse 40a

D-79650 Schopfheim,

Armin Wendler

Rudolf-Dischinger-Str

13, D-7911 Freiburg,

Germany Germany APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING AND/OR MONITORING THE FILLING

·&

LEVEL OF A PRODUCT IN A CONTAINER

Enclosed are:

(X) 10 page(s) of specification

Germany

(X) 3 page(s) of claims

(X) 1 page(s) Abstract

(X) Unexecuted Declaration/Power of Attorney

(X) sheet(s) of (X) formal () informal drawings

() An assignment of the application to\_

() Preliminary Amendment

Information Disclosure Statement (X)

() Associate Power of Attorney

() Verified Statement Under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27

The filing fee is calculated as follows:

| CLAIMS AS FILED          |                 |                 |                 |                 |          |  |  |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|--|--|
|                          |                 |                 | RATE            |                 |          |  |  |
| FOR                      | NUMBER<br>FILED | NUMBER<br>EXTRA | LARGE<br>ENTITY | SMALL<br>ENTITY | AMOUNT   |  |  |
| Basic Fee Utility        | XXXXX           | XXXXX           | \$710.00        | \$355.00        | \$355.00 |  |  |
| Design                   | XXXXX           | XXXXX           | \$310.00        | \$155.00        |          |  |  |
| Plant                    | XXXXX           | XXXXX           | \$480.00        | \$240.00        |          |  |  |
| Total Claims             | 20 - 20 =       |                 | x \$18.00       | x \$9.00        |          |  |  |
| Independent Claims       | 3 - 3 =         |                 | x \$78.00       | x \$39.00       |          |  |  |
| Multiple Dependency      |                 |                 | \$260.00        | \$130.00        |          |  |  |
| Late Fee Surcharge       |                 |                 | \$130.00        | \$65.00         |          |  |  |
| Non-English Language Fee |                 |                 | \$130.00        | \$130.00        |          |  |  |

| Assignment Recording Fee | \$40.00                   | \$40.00 |          |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------|----------|
|                          | TOTAL FILING FEE \$355.00 |         | \$355.00 |

|     |   | No.  |                               |         |  |  |  |
|-----|---|--|-------------------------------|---------|--|--|--|
| ()  | A chec  | A check/ in the amount of \$ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.  |                               |         |  |  |  |
| ()  | Please  | Please charge Dep. Account No in the amount of \$  |                               |         |  |  |  |
| (X) | This ap   | This application is filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53, and does not include:                           |                               |         |  |  |  |
|     | (X)<br>(X)  | Executed Declaration Filing Fee  | ı                             |         |  |  |  |
| ()  | The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees or any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>10-1213</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet i enclosed. |  |                               |         |  |  |  |
|     | ()  | Any additional filing f  | fees required under 37 CFR 1. | 16.     |  |  |  |
|     | ()  | Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.  |                               |         |  |  |  |
|     | ()  | The Issue Fee set in 37 CFR 1.18 at or before mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.311(b). |                               |         |  |  |  |
| (X) | Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 based on the following:  |  |                               |         |  |  |  |
|     | Serial No.  |  | Date Filed                    | Country |  |  |  |
|     | 100 32 775,3  |  | July 6, 2001                  | Germany |  |  |  |
|     |   |  |                               |         |  |  |  |
| ()  | Certified copy (copies) enclosed.   |  |                               |         |  |  |  |

Respectfully submitted,

Felix J. D Ambrosio Reg. No. 25,721

Date: July 6, 2001

JONES, TULLAR & COOPER, P.C. P.O. Box 2266 Eads Station Arlington, VA 22202 (703) 415-1500